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Mothers and God

GOD HAS NO HIGHER ORDINATION for woman than that of wifehood, and no higher coronation than that of motherhood. Regardless of what else a woman may achieve, she has not experienced God's best for her until she has filled these two offices; still, it is true that there are other noble callings of God and high peaks of attainment in some cases chosen for and by the individual. God Himself has given supreme credence to the high state of proper motherhood and has freighted it with influence and authority and has used it more than any other human agency in the propagation of His kingdom on earth.

Because motherhood is so universal, yet so local, few people have given it its proper place among the powers of the world. A mother's influence upon her children is second to none, and the deft work of her hands and heart is boxed in the lives of her children as long as they live. Naturally, such tremendous influence thrusts upon every mother an equally tremendous responsibility. The mere biological process of motherhood has never made a woman a true mother, for there must be a mental and spiritual process of motherhood also. The fact that there have been those who became mothers biologically, but never became mothers spiritually and morally is one of the causes of the sad plight of the world today; yet on the other hand, because so many women became mothers in its truest and noblest sense is the reason so many of their sons and daughters are exerting every effort today to stem the tide of evil and to promote the kingdom of God. All honor under heaven is bestowed upon true mothers: Holy Scripture lauds her, her children rise up and call her blessed, and only the fairest fruits of the earth are fit tribute to her, and one day out of every 365 belongs to her alone—no mortal personality has ever gained greater recognition.

When God sought to express His own tenderness and compassion toward His people, He could find no more descriptive term than that of likening His comfort to the comfort of mothers (*Isaiah 66:13*). Again when Jesus' heart near burst with compassion for Jerusalem, He said, "... how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" It begins to be seen from these quata-

tions that God has placed on earth a bit of heaven's pure love and that that love is encased in the hearts of mothers. A good wife and mother is the nearest thing to God personified on earth today.

When God needed a man to deliver His oppressed people from Egyptian bondage, it was through Jochebed's ingenuity and devotion to her son that He was able to spare the life of Moses and train him for his ordained task (*Exodus 2:3, 8*). It was a mother's love which compelled Rizpah to watch over her dead, when they were forsaken by all others, that no wild beast would molest their bodies (*2 Samuel 21:10*). It was a mother's love which drove Mary to watch over her dead son, the Christ of God (*John 19:25*). The selfish request of the mother of James and John is to be blamed, but still it was her mother's love which prompted it. Mothers' love is the greatest love, the nearest thing to heaven's love that can be found in our world today, or any day past, or to come.

It has been aptly said that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," which means only that the mother's part in the formation of her child will remain with him throughout his life and that what he becomes, be it good or bad, can in part be traced back to the woman who bore and trained him.

Timothy, the young friend of Paul, was commended and renowned for his faith, but it was from his mother that his faith was drawn by him (*2 Timothy 1:5*). One of the most beautiful passages in all the Bible is a record of the words the mother of King Lemuel taught him (*Proverbs 31*). After King Lemuel finished his record of the words and wisdom his mother taught him, he began a eulogy of what is considered the ideal wife and mother. Perhaps nowhere in literature is there another such account of so fine a woman as Lemuel describes. Many scholars have thought that he has merely pictured what he feels is the ideal and ultimate in womanhood, while others have felt that he has given us a glimpse of the character of some actual woman whom he knew, presumably his own mother. If this is true, then there has never been another such tribute paid a mother by her son. In one household it was the practice of the father to read this chapter and comment, "Children, that is your mother." I wonder how many can read this chapter today and find there her portrait, or only semblance of her own personality and motherhood.

It was Susanna Wesley who trained her brood of nineteen children and set on fire with the love of God the lives of John, Charles, and Samuel. This great mother taught her nineteen children their letters and the way of life, and today her great work is seen all over the world in the fruits of the labors of her sons. When Cornelia a woman of ancient Rome, was widowed by the death of Sempromnus Gracchus, she refused the proposal of matrimony by the King of Egypt and devoted herself entirely to the education of her two sons, Tiberius and Gaius. These two boys became among the first defenders of the rights of the common man and did more than any others of the ancient world to break the back of plutocratic domination of the world. It is said that when anyone pitied her she would answer, "No one should call unhappy the woman who has given birth to the Gracchi."

These are but attestations to the tremendous influences of a mother. A mother? Yes. Not merely one who has given birth to a child, but one who has accepted and reared him and given him a part of herself. Let her children arise and call her blessed.



A Mother's Love

By C. H. ROCHESTER

ON SUNDAY, MAY 10, our country will observe Mother's Day. It will reveal to the world something of the characteristic idealism of the American people. Joyfully, with one accord, we shall leave our machines, our offices, our market places, our farms, our law courts, to go home again, in reality or in dream, to our mothers. In Mother's presence each of us will rediscover our better self; once again we shall be boys and girls, seeing life through the pure eyes of childhood. It seems that not so long ago we were only babes in her arms. As her gentle song lulled us to sleep, she thought of the years unborn and of the place in life she would have us take. That vision guided and sustained her throughout the days of our childhood.

After all we say about home and the love of home, the chief attraction of that sacred spot is the mother. The principal element in the happiness and joy of the home is Mother's love. There may be but little fire in the grate, no carpet on the floor, no pictures on the wall, no curtains to the windows, few of the comforts of life, and the table with no luxuries; but in the wintry world a good mother's tender love and plous care, her sacrificial devotion and watchful interest, kindle the grate, carpet the floor, beautify the walls, shade the windows, attune the air, and nourish the mind and heart. How often has been sung "What Is Home Without a Good Mother?"

There are not enough descriptive terms in the language to define the word "mother." It is the next word to divine. There are some bad mothers, but they are unnatural. It is an honor to be a good mother. Even Jesus Christ had a mother; thus the highest compliment ever paid to mortals was when Divinity condescended to incarnation through the virgin Mary.

In the worst and darkest moments of life, however far away from home, even amid the thunders of battle or pining in the hospital, or wandering in forbidden paths, a good mother's love and prayers follow her children.

It is interesting to note that among all the sweetest and most tender relationships of life, none can take the place of a mother. In infancy and childhood, up to the finishing touches of young manhood and womanhood, the mother is absolutely indispensable to our heart culture and life development. Even to maturity and old age the mother is essential to every recollection and to the calling up of all the past that blended our lives with hers, and wrought within us our best elements of character; but our first years and the beginnings of life cannot, without great danger, be separated from the mother's bosom, smile, tender love, care, heart, and life.

IT IS REMARKABLE when we note the tribute of great men to their mothers, and observe the influence of mothers in shaping the lives and destinies of great men. Washington ascribed all the glory of his life to his mother. The piety and wisdom of their mother made the Wesleys. A great man said: "I would have been an atheist if it had not been for one recollection, and that was when my departed mother used to take my little hand in hers, and cause me, on my knees, to say 'Our Father who art in heaven.'" God be thanked that there have not been many mothers like the mothers of Nero, Byron, Benedict Arnold, and others whose heredity and early training made them the hideous monsters of vice and crime which history shows them to have been. There is nothing out of hell so bad as a bad mother.

A good mother will have faith in her boy or girl. Because of his mother's faith in him, many a boy has turned back from a path of crookedness and dishonor. Because of her mother's faith in her, many a girl has hesitated and taken the step in the right direction.

I am reminded of a poem I once read, which went something like this:

*"They said he would never amount to much,
But his mother said he would;
That he never could set the river on fire,
But his mother said he could.
They said of beauty he had no trace,
But his mother vowed he had;
When they talked of future men of state,
She lovingly looked at her lad.*

*"And it happened, as months and years went by,
This lad who was awkward and shy,
Who never could set the river on fire,
Reached the goal of her heart's desire;
And he gave thanks, with eyes that were dim,
Because of his mother's faith in him."*

THE MOTHER is the guardian angel who gives us birth through suffering and develops us through sacrifice; who watches with ceaseless vigil over our cradle and feeds us with the milk of life; who leads us by the hand and teaches us to think and feel, to walk and talk; who, in the tenderest and most sympathetic relation known to earth, gives the start, the impulse, and the inspiration to our life. The life of the mother and that of

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Text: 2 Tim. 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Prayer: O God, we come before you in the name of your Son Jesus. Lord, we ask that as we write these words that the mighty power of the Holy Ghost will use us to be a blessing to some soul. O God, especially bless the Christians who are going through some trial of sickness, disappointment, discouragement, financial strain, or any other temptation that is common to man. Encourage them to say as Paul said, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Amen."

PAUL'S REASON for enduring hardness was not only that he might obtain salvation, but that the elect, the brethren, could also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. They were already heirs to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul was teaching them that to receive the promise of salvation they must endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The book of 2 Timothy contains the last words of the great apostle which inspiration has preserved. He wrote this touching letter to his "dearly beloved son" shortly before his martyrdom. Without a doubt, Paul was pouring out his heart to Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:8, "Be not thou

AS JESUS went on farther to explain the plan of salvation, the Jews were offended because He said, "I am the bread of life." The gospel was getting a little hard for them, and they began to murmur among themselves. Jesus didn't want weaklings for disciples then, nor does He want weaklings for disciples now. "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."

The Lord continued His sermon in John 6:53. "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." The Jews had gladly received the loaves and fishes that Jesus gave, but they would not eat His flesh nor drink His blood. They were looking at the natural and not the spiritual viewpoint. If they had been in earnest with God, I believe they could have understood what He meant. But many of His disciples, when they heard these things, said, "This is a hard saying. Who can hear it?" Matthew 6:66, "From this time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." They refused to follow Him because the way seemed too hard. People today are refusing Christ because the way seems too hard. It is true that Christians do have to press their way and strive to enter in, but in regard to this being the hard way, Proverbs 13:15b reads, "But the way of transgressors is hard." Sinners do have sorrows and heart-

Enduring Hardness

By MARGIE FRANCIS

therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the AFFLICTIONS of the gospel." Notice the last part of the verse, "but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel."

The road that Jesus trod was not an easy road, and neither can we expect an easy road. Jesus taught His disciples the hardness of the gospel. Just after He had fed the five thousand, the Jews, when they had seen the miracles that Jesus did, said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." They purposed to take Him by force to make Him a king, but He departed into a mountain by Himself.

These men were considering Christ for what they personally would gain. Who wouldn't want a great miracle worker like Jesus to be king? He had healed many of their sick, raised the dead, and just now had filled their hungry stomachs. Even though their zeal lasted until the next day, Jesus knew their hearts. John 6:26, 27, "Jesus answered them and said, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but, for that meat which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then they said unto him, What shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

aches, as well as Christians. Sinners do not know how to call on God as Christians do; therefore, they have no present help in the time of troubles. The angel of the Lord does not encamp around them, and they do not have the promise of the protection of God. The life of a sinner is all loss, while the life of a Christian is all gain. Let us endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross. Matthew 10:22 reads, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

CHRISTIANS, let us hold on with all our might, for Jesus is coming soon, and we must have our garments without spot or blemish if we expect to find our place at the marriage supper of the Lamb. I don't want to miss it, do you?

Unsaved ones, you need this Jesus that I have been telling you about. His ways are not as hard as your ways as He knows best what you need. Confess, repent, accept, and believe upon Him now. I am reminded of the old song, "I'm Glad I Counted the Cost," which starts with these words, "When first I started to seek the Lord, I'm glad I counted the cost; I fully measured to Jesus' word, I'm glad I counted the cost." Verse 4 says, "Although the trials seem hard to bear, I'm glad I counted the cost; I now my

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The Christian Mother

"Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."—Proverbs 31:30.

MOTHER. How sacred this word is to our hearts! No other word in all our language contains such power of tender suggestion. It is a magic word and one that is cherished by all classes of people. An old Jewish saying is that God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers. When Eve was brought unto Adam he gave her the most glorious name. He did not call her wife, but simply Mother—mother of all living creatures. The mother in a home is the one who manifests tender love, who exercises pious care and gives sacrificial devotion. It is she who shows unspeakable kindness, who has unsurpassable patience, as well as the most forgiving heart. As a veritable queen, Mother is enthroned in the heart of man.

The story is told of an angel who went in quest of all earth's wondrous store to find the three most lovely things in existence. As he passed on the way, he spied a rose with a radiant hue. He put this in his basket. Then he glimpsed a baby's smile, and he said, "I have found two things worth while." Then he found a mother who stilled a fretful child. He said, "What's sweeter than a mother's love?" So he took her heart, and it had vanished! The three most lovely things he found. He went back to present the things to the King. He took the rose gently from his basket—and behold it had wilted! It was no more good. He reached for the baby's smile, and it had vanished! All he had left was the mother's heart still throbbing warm through all the years. He said, "After all, there is nothing else that can survive earth's toils and tears like the love of a mother's heart."

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, in the book of First Samuel, the story of a Christian mother named Hannah is recorded. Hannah was the wife of Elkanah, and the family lived at Ramah. Elkanah was a Levite, and he went up to the Temple yearly to worship and sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts. This was a devout family, and it was commendable that they were constant in their devotions, for at that period in history there was a general decay and neglect of religion in the nation. Some among them worshiped other gods, but Elkanah kept his integrity and took his wives and children with him to worship God. When the time came to offer sacrifices, Elkanah gave portions to Peninnah and to her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a worthy portion for he loved her greatly. Hannah had no children at this time and because of her barrenness she was very sorrowful, so much so that she wept sorely. Elkanah tried to comfort her by saying, "Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thine heart grieved? Am not I better to thee than ten sons?" But Hannah refused to be comforted.

After they had eaten, Hannah rose up, and while Eli, the priest, sat upon a seat by the post of the Temple, she prayed unto God. Hannah wept sorely and was in bitterness of soul as she talked to God. She vowed to God that if He would look upon her barrenness and give her a man child, she, in turn, would give the child back to the Lord all the days of his life. Eli noticed Hannah's lips moving but heard no words, so he reproved her for being drunk. Hannah answered, "No, my Lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord." Eli said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him." After this Hannah was comforted and went her way.

In process of time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of the Lord." Then Hannah stayed at home when Elkanah went up to offer his yearly sacrifice, until she had weaned Samuel. When Samuel was weaned she stood true to her vow and carried him to the Temple to give him back to God. So Samuel worshiped the Lord there. Hannah explained to Eli who she was and how God had answered her prayer. In the giving back of Samuel she was forming a powerful link of connection between herself and the Lord that must have enriched her whole life with blessing.

Hannah was a mother of prayer. After she had presented Samuel to God, we hear her break forth in a prayer of thanksgiving that is highly poetic. Her heart was overflowing with thankfulness and gratitude to God for His mercy to her. If every mother in our land would be as prayerful as Hannah, there would be a better heritage left to the children. Hannah became the mother of a great prophet by praying to God. Then she didn't fail to recognize God after she had received from Him, but she exalted the name of God for His blessings. God is to have the honor of all our exultations, and in Him must we triumph. He is a God of knowledge, and He sees clearly and perfectly into the character of every person.

BY PRAYER great things may be accomplished that are impossible any other way. In prayer there is power. It is not an easy thing to really pray, but you will be enriched by staying constantly before God. God gives promises, and we must open our hearts in prayer telling Him we accept them, unworthy though we are. Pray, though you have already done so. Pray, though the enemy tempts you to think it is vain. Prayer creates the atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can work. It matters not that you are unable to utter great words and phrases. God understands your heart, so speak plainly to Him in simple language that He may hear your petition.

and Home

By MRS. RUTH STARNES



Mother influence has tenderly moulded the ideals, and many, as a result of her careful, loving guidance, have become leaders of men and have shaped the destiny of nations. In fact, many a mother has been forgotten, while her sons, made great because of her influence, will live down through the pages of history. It has been said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world!" If every cradle could be rocked by a godly mother, the world would be swayed toward God. One great need of our land is Christian mothers.

"There is mighty power in a mother's hand. There is more power in a woman's hand than in a king's scepter." —Billy Sunday.

"A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands, but a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promises of his youth, and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy." —Washington Irvin.

"The loss of a mother is always severely felt; even though her health may incapacitate her from taking any active part in the care of her family, still she is the sweet rallying point around which revolve affection and obedience and a thousand tender endeavors to please, and dreary is the blank when such a point is withdrawn." —Lamartine.

A mother should not only be prayerful, but she should have faith in God. Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 1:5 that he could recall to memory the unfeigned faith of Timothy's mother, Eunice. The example of Eunice and her mother Lois is an inspiration to all. While Timothy's faith was his own personal faith, yet his mother caused that faith to grow by teaching him the Word of God. By her Christian devotion she was able to guide Timothy by teaching him the truth and helping him cultivate faith in God. Timothy's life was spent in useful service for God which must have been a great blessing to his mother. We cannot save our children, but we can put an atmosphere around them that will strengthen and encourage the faith which God gives them.

WE ARE TOLD in the Bible to look to God who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Faith means believing something whether we see it or not. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith in the Son of God working in us will accomplish great things. A beggar will wait long and plead eagerly, although he has no promise of alms. Fishermen will labor vigorously, casting their nets again and again, though nothing has been tak-

en in yet. Their only encouragement is the possibility that fish may come that way. How desperately will men dive into the sea with the expectation of finding pearls in oyster shells, encountering fierce monsters of the deep with the uncertain hope of being enriched. How much more should men draw near to God in true faith, for the outlook is brighter than material things and their expectations more justifiable. Faith in Christ overcomes the corrupt influence of the world.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Romans 10:17. D. L. Moody once said, "I suppose that if all the times I have prayed for faith were put together it would amount to months. I used to say, 'What we want is faith; if we only have faith we can turn Chicago upside down.' I thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the Bible where faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, began to study it and faith has been growing ever since." We do not receive faith by feeling, but as we study God's Word our faith will increase more and more.

A mother should be a student of the Bible. The home is where the first and lasting impressions of God and salvation are made upon the child's mind. The child's faith is cultivated and grows by the hearing of the Word of God from his parents first. The home is the world's greatest university. During Old Testament days, the Jews in particular, felt the need of training their children in the Scriptures. The parents placed portions of the Scriptures on the doorposts, gateposts, and various parts of the building. So, the Word of God was before them constantly. The Bible is our map to guide us on our journey through this world. The Bible is a sword to use against the enemy of our souls in the spiritual battle of life. To neglect to read the Bible is to deliberately lay down the sword. Satan will suggest all sorts of reasons why you should not trouble yourselves to study God's Word, yet you may rest assured that time spent in this manner is very profitable. The very fact of reading and meditating on the Word has a cleansing effect upon your mind. As you read, the stream of living waters in all its fragrance and freshness will invigorate and purify your soul.

THE LIFE of godly mothers in past history will prove to us how great the influence is that is exerted in the home by these women. Let us look at the life of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Although the life of Nancy Hanks Lincoln was short and full of untold hardships, it made a great impression on American history. She was left an orphan at an early age, and it was with great difficulty that she learned to read and write—rare accom-

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Man and missions

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Bible Students, Faculty and Missionaries in India

Closing Exercises of Bible School in India

We have now completed the first two-year term of school, with 17 students graduating. The Indians do not have closing exercises as we have in the United States, so we decided to introduce some of our customs to them. The Sunday before graduation, we had baccalaureate service for the graduating class. It was necessary to explain to the students and the audience what this service is and what the purpose of it is.

On Tuesday before graduation, we had a banquet for the seniors and faculty. As you know, the Indians eat with their fingers, and their food is served on banana leaves. We planned a dinner that they could eat with their fingers, if they could not manage their knife and fork. So everyone got along fine and really seemed to enjoy our food; at least, all the plates were empty after the meal. The wonderful part about the Indians, although they are shy in some ways, yet in this in-

stance there was no embarrassment on the part of anyone. They especially appreciated the fact that we invited them to eat at our table, and seemed to think that was a wonderful thing.

On Thursday afternoon we had the graduation service. Brother Pospisil gave the commencement address. The student with the highest honors was the valedictorian. There is no word in the Malayalam language that expresses either valedictorian or salutatorian, so again we had to explain what these words meant. The students were happy to receive their diplomas, and the following morning at least two went to town to have them framed.

Now these graduating students are being placed in churches where there is no pastor, or where it seems wise to make some changes. We covet your prayers for them in their new and great undertaking for the Lord.—Miss Dora P. Myers.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (FULL GOSPEL) IN INDIA

By William Pospisil

The annual convention of the Church of God (Full Gospel) in India was held under a large pandal erected on the Bethel Maidan (pronounced Mi' don), at Kumbanadu in Travancore, South India. Rev. William Pospisil, missionary, and Pastor T. M. Varughese, field secretary, were in charge of program arrangements. The committees had all worked faithfully, and all was in readiness for the greatest convention in many ways that was ever conducted by the Church of God in India. The special speakers for this gathering were Rev. Howard Carter, of England, world traveller and Bible teacher, and Donald A. Crook, missionary of Pallachi, in the Tamil field. Other speakers were Pastor A. J. John, Bible teacher of our Bible School; M. Benjamin, pastor of the Church of God in Madurai; U. Thomas, pastor of the Edamon Church. Pastor T. M. Varughese and Rev. William Pospisil also had their part on the program and helped in every way to make the convention a success.

The messages were enjoyed by all, and the attendance kept climbing as the convention proceeded. Our peak attendance was on Friday and Saturday nights, with an estimated crowd of between 4 and 5 thousand people. It is difficult to estimate the number of those who were definitely converted, but there were people calling on God for mercy all over the pandal when the altar call was made. There were 32 baptized in water on Sunday, the last day of the convention.

Reports showed that eleven new churches came into our fellowship during the year, the names of which are Karicom, Mepal, Aravankady, Coonoor, Nilambur, Madurai, Poovancode, Manimuri, Ellapara, Nallankunnu, and Kunchithanny. During our convention the following came into our fellowship: Valakom, Nellikamanu, Thakala, and Chemparuthivilai. Since the convention, Villupuram, in the Tamil field, has come into our fellowship. This is a total of 16 in one year's time. Some of these have good buildings, the best being at Madurai.

Cost of all expenses connected with the convention ran us 2,286 rupees. Total received for all offerings to offset this, plus receipts from our Missions Board in America, was 2,068 rupees. We came out 218 rupees short of making our expenses. Our mission offering was smaller than hoped for, with only 109 rupees. There were 176-8-0 rupees received for subscriptions to our magazine, the "Gospel Echoes." Our circulation is climbing, with nearly 900 paid subscribers receiving this Malayalam magazine monthly now. The churches brought 437 rupees to help meet the convention expense, while 224 rupees were raised in offerings for the speakers and for the convention expense during the convention. Thus our people in India raised 770 rupees to meet our convention expense and for the mission offering. Nearly 50 Malayalam

Bibles were sold.

The following were elected to serve on the board of directors: Wm. Pospisil, president; T. M. Varughese, vice president; M. Benjamin, A. J. John, and M. M. John, members. Eliezer John was selected to serve as youth director. The meeting was blessed of God, and all seemed to be united in promoting the work of God. The new policy as adopted by the ministers was accepted by the general body, as well as the officers that were elected. All returned to their respective fields of labor with a great determination to do more for God this year than ever before, in promoting the work and His Church.

COSTA RICA HAS REVIVAL FIRES BURNING

This is to inform you that we have had the greatest evangelistic campaign we have ever undertaken, with hundreds saved, and many sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In San Jose La Montana, four brothers received the Holy Ghost. The place shook under the power of God, and the meeting ended in the morning. In Limon, hundreds received Christ as their Saviour. Here is a remarkable incident. Brother Rafael Mora, who is a cabinet maker, had a finger sawed off. The men in the shop told him to go to the hospital, but instead he placed the finger in its place and continued to work. The finger began to stay in its place and sure recovery was on the way. I had the privilege of seeing that finger in perfect condition.

Brother Walker, the revival fires are burning in Costa Rica, and there is a need for workers.—Noel H. DeSouza.

FROM THE ALTONS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We should like to tell you about the most wonderful convention that has taken place in the Dominican Republic. Brother Stoppe left here very happy and pleased with our convention, and I am encouraged to go forward more than I have ever been in the Dominican. We had a wonderful time, and the best part of all is that 38 souls came to God and repented of their sins.

The last night of the convention there were 16 gloriously saved through our Lord and soon-coming King. They did not come because they were begged or halfway forced, but they came crying and weeping to God for their salvation.

Our cups were running over with joy unspeakable and full of glory. It has been a hard year for us, and there hasn't been too much accomplished, but God put His approval upon our work. We now have that joy that was lacking in the past. The Lord has given us the confidence of our workers, and our program is on the move. When we arrived, our monthly Sunday School attendance was 1,500, but now we have about 3,500 every month in Sunday School. We are shooting for 7,000 this year. We had only one

Y. P. E., with an average attendance of about 35 a month. Now we have five, with an average attendance of 175 monthly. We are planning to open one or two new works this year, and build two or three country churches, with one big one in La Romana. It is a tough schedule, but we plan to do it if the Lord tarries and blesses our feeble efforts.—Reverend and Mrs. W. D. Alton.



Church at Puerto Armuellis, with Pastor Gregorio Castaneda and wife standing at left. Brother A. J. Angvick, Missionary Overseer of Panama, is the tall man in the doorway.

BRING THE MESSAGE BEFORE THE SHADOWS FALL

By Bolivar De Souza, Missionary La Concepcion, Chiriqui, Panama

The summer season is here, and we are making all efforts to carry the gospel message to every town and village by means of horseback, train, and every way of carrying the gospel to these people. Sometimes the roads are very muddy, there are steep and dangerous precipices to encounter. In many instances on our missionary trips we have the opportunity of presenting the gospel message. When the shadows of evening stretch forth themselves, we have always had a place to preach the gospel and to sleep, at times on the floor or a hard board bed. At one time we slept by the riverside as, we were unable to procure transportation.

Workers Needed

The great responsibility lies before us, and we see the necessity and the opportunity of the open doors that are presented to us. The need is great. There are many places that are hungry for the gospel and that are calling for workers to bring them the gospel of salvation. At this time we could use two full-time workers, as the calls are many.

We have two important projects before us—the building of two churches. We have started a work near David. Many souls have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. With this great opportunity it would be advisable to build a temporal building, as the present one is always crowded and no space to seat the people. This temporal building would cost about \$300;

also, for the completion of our new church in Concepcion, we will need \$1,000 at least. Any person that has a burden for missions and for lost souls, and would like to contribute for the cause of Christ, may do so by sending your part to the Executive Missions Secretary, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee, stating that it is for the church work in Panama.

Open Door to the Indians

Many Indians have been saved and are walking with the Lord. Some of these Indians who have been saved have a burning desire to return home and carry the message to their tribes, so we are praying that the time of harvest is not far from us. Willing hearts are ready to go. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." And He promised to be with us even unto the end. Praise the Lord! We are praying that the Lord will open the way for these native workers to be free to carry the gospel to those who are living in sin, that they may be set free. We know the Lord is able. Our trust is in the Lord Jesus. Help spread the gospel in Panama. Panama needs the gospel. Your contribution will be appreciated, and we pray that the Lord will touch some one to give to this great cause. Pray for us as we continue to carry the message of salvation.

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

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the child are one, not only by birth and blood, but by the inseparable infusion and transfusion of spirit and love; and the slightest pang or joy of the child is a deeper touch to the mother's love than even to its own heart and life. A mother's love is the genius and spirit of innate sympathy, part and parcel of her being wrought into that of her child.

Let us all on this Mother's Day remember our mothers, and make them to know we love and appreciate them; that they are not just mere, insignificant creatures, but they are honored by God and stand out above everything else in this world to us. After all, who will stand by you and hold your hands up when you are about to go down? Who will love and cherish you when things go wrong? To my estimation, a good mother is next to the Godhead.

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of God.—Blaise Pascal.

ENDURING HARDNESS

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burdens with Jesus share, I'm glad I counted the cost." And the last verse is, "Twill not be long till the Lord shall come, I'm glad I counted the cost; And bear my soul to that heav'nly home, I'm glad I counted the cost." Yes, there is a cost to count, and I'm glad I counted the cost. Won't you count the cost and accept Jesus as your own? Fall upon your knees and let Him come into your heart. Jesus is merciful; Jesus will save! God's way is the better way, the peaceful way, the happy way, May God bless you.

Be good at the depths of you, and you will discover that those who surround you will be good even to the same depths. Therein lies a force that has no name; a spiritual rivalry that has no resistance.—Maurice Maeterlinck.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER AND HOME

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pishments for a woman in those days and in her community. Three years after her marriage to Thomas Lincoln, her second child, Abraham, was born. The joy of watching her son develop eased the poverty that surrounded her. That there was a complete, perfect understanding between her and Abraham is evidenced by the statement she once made, "Abe's mind and mine, what little I have, seem to run together." Her death at the age of thirty-four, after a short illness, was the first tragedy in Abraham Lincoln's life. Her influence seemed to grow greater as he grew older, and he gave her all honor from the fulness of his great heart when he uttered the words that will never die, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

It was a memorable day in the life of William Booth when he decided to give up a business career and enter the ministry. It was made doubly so when on that same day he chanced to meet Catherine Memford, a frail, gifted, intellectual young woman who had a great love and compassion for every living thing. Between William Booth and Catherine Memford there existed a great abiding love which deepened through the years of their long mar-

riage. Eight sons and daughters grew up to love and honor the frail mother who trained and cared for them so lovingly, yet found time to assist her husband in the great work of founding the Salvation Army in the slums of East End in London. So strongly did she impress her love for all living creatures upon her children that several of them followed in her footsteps, and today in every land the name Salvation Army is a synonym for service. Catherine Memford Booth will ever be honored as a great woman and a great mother. It can truly be said of her and her family that they were a blessing to humanity. It is no wonder she was called the mother of the Salvation Army.

Nancy Ball Washington knew the hardships that every pioneering woman in America knew. She had great need for these virtues when she reached the age of sixty-eight, for it was at this time the American Revolution began, and her son, George, was called to its leadership. During the next seven years she did not see George, yet her principle strengthened all who were near her. Her great courage and strength came from her daily habit of seeking some quiet spot for solitary prayer and communion with her heavenly Father. She lived to be over eighty and passed away the year her son became the first President of the United States. Nancy Ball Washington was truly a good and great mother.

In the year 1689, a young English woman named Susannah Annesley, was united in marriage with Samuel Wesley, a clergyman of the Church of England. She bore nineteen children, thirteen of whom survived childhood. In spite of the poverty of the parsonage, she determined that her children should not lack an education. Therefore, she established a household system and rigidly enforced it. She laid out a course of study for her children and supervised their work. She was so firm, yet so gentle; so sympathetic, yet so confident that she caused even her husband to marvel. She was rewarded for her untiring efforts by seeing some of her children become scholars of distinction. Seldom does so great a man as John Wesley or his brother Charles cross the stage of life. John Wesley is universally known as the founder of the Methodist Movement. Charles Wesley is the writer of some of the world's best known and loved hymns. John often said, "My mother was the source from which I derived the guiding principles of my life."

Children are an heritage from God. Every child that is put in a mother's arms is a trust from Him. It has been said, "A house is a roof to keep out the rain, four walls to keep out the wind, floors to keep out the cold, but home is more than that. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father, the warmth of loving hearts, the light from happy eyes. In the home is found kindness, companionship, loyalty, comfort. God bless such a home!" A house may be destroyed but no power on earth can destroy a home where love abides. Some time ago a beautiful house was completely destroyed by fire. The father of the home gathered the loved ones in his arms, and, as they looked at the smoking ruins, he said, "Our house is destroyed, but, thank God, our home is not destroyed."

We are living in a time when Christian mothers and Christian homes are scarce. Evil is rampant in the land. The devil knows that by tearing down homes he is striking at the very foundation of the nation. My prayer to God is to give us more mothers whose lives are dedicated to God. Mother, yours is a holy calling, so be sure to seek God's grace to be the example you should be. Pray and live godly so as to influence others to a living faith in God.

REVIVALS

TELEGRAMS

Greatest revival in history of Florence, S. C., Church. Rev. C. E. Richard, of Birmingham, Ala., evangelist. Full report will follow.—E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Landslide revival in third week in Natchez, Miss. One hundred and twenty saved; as many as 10 filled with Holy Ghost in one night. Miracles are mighty. Blind are seeing; deaf and dumb hearing and speaking. People are being healed of all manner of sickness and diseases. Crowds are gathering from far and near saying they have never seen such demonstration of the power of God. E. W. Angley, evangelist.—E. H. Babb, Pastor.

ISOLA, Miss.—The Bethel Church of God at Isola had a two and one-half weeks' revival. Rev. S. N. Rigney was the evangelist for 2 weeks, with B. L. Roberts, our pastor, ending the revival. Several souls were saved, and the whole church was stirred, the presence of God being evident in almost every service. We praise the Lord because He still saves and washes white as snow with His precious blood.

We had an all-day service March 8, conducted by Rev. G. C. Hamby, our state overseer. We were blessed with a large attendance and a nice offering to cover the indebtedness of our new church. A fine lunch was prepared for all, and special singers were present for the afternoon service. Pray for us that we might go forward and be a church ready for our Saviour's coming.—Reporter.

WELLSTON, Ohio.—We have recently had the best revival we have ever witnessed at the Church of God here. For our evangelist, we were fortunate to have Rev. H. K. Byrne, of Michigan. Never in all the history of the church, have we had a man to preach on the Holy Ghost as Bro. Byrne did in this revival. He understands the need of the baptism in the life of every believer. During four weeks, there were 11 saved, 17 sanctified, 27 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. Also, there were many healings witnessed—one deaf ear, one stomach ailment, and many minor afflictions. Bro. Byrne and his wife travel with a car and trailer, and can be reached by mail only, at 226 East Third Street, Flint, Michigan, in care of Mrs. James Byrne. Pray for us here.—C. G. Butts, Pastor.

CEDAR HILL, Tenn.—We thank God and give Him all the praise for the revival at our church. After praying for months for someone to come

our way, God in His infinite wisdom sent Brother Woodrow Morgan and his wife this way. There were 53 saved, 42 sanctified, 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, and our church revived under the old-time holiness preaching. The church was filled each night, and the altar was filled with seekers. We praise God for all He has done for us. Many testified to their healing.—Gene Whitehead, Clerk.

GRINDLE CREEK, N. C.—We have recently had a revival with Rev. W. L. Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., as the evangelist. Souls were stirred under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He was a great blessing to our church. Brother Smith can be contacted at Box 130, Atlanta, Ga., phone, Belmont 4561.—Wade H. Crotts, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, Pa.—We have had a revival with fifteen year old Barbara Lansberry, of Thomas, W. Va., as the evangelist. God was with us in a wonderful way, sending Holy Ghost messages that brought old-time conviction. Seven were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church in the 2 weeks' revival. Brother A. A. Lynch is the pastor here.—Reporter.

WALLACE, Idaho.—We praise the Lord for the revival held recently at the Church of God here. It was truly a Holy Ghost revival. The power of the Lord was manifest every night, especially in judgment. God dealt with both saints and sinners alike. The results were 9 saved, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 baptized in water. Since then 4 have been added to the church. Rev. Norman Jones was the evangelist.—Leonard Tomlin, Pastor.

WEST POINT, Miss.—On March 26 we closed a 9 nights' revival here in the West Point Church of God. It was a blessed meeting to us. Rev. J. W. Bennett, of Harrisburg, Ark., was the evangelist. He is a humble man. Eight were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.—L. C. Greene, Pastor.

JEWELL RIDGE, Va.—We are happy to report a 3 weeks' revival at Jewell Ridge. Twenty were saved, 14 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. We also had a larger attendance in our Sunday School. We truly thank God for it all. Brother Harold Branham was the evangelist.—Russell P. Webb, Clerk.

WEST JUNCTION, Ohio.—We are thanking the Lord for the revival we have had here. The Lord surely did bless in a mighty way. There were 18 saved, 17 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. All but one of these were young people. Our evangelist was Rev. D. Post, of Ray, Ohio.—Alex Yearly, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—A mighty revival has swept the Cincinnati Church of God at Twelfth and Elm Streets. Brothers Fred Gray and John Meares,

of Memphis, Tenn., have conducted the greatest revival ever to visit our church. This revival paid its own way: in great encouragement given the church by these brethren, in souls saved, in bodies healed, and in many being baptized with the Holy Ghost. The finance was marvelous, the fellowship sweet, the victory great, and much good was accomplished. The meeting was attended greatly by the ministry, not only of the Cincinnati District, but from places afar. They had their souls refreshed under the mighty anointing of the Spirit of God throughout the meeting. The local church proved a great blessing in fasting and prayer and rejoicing in the Spirit. Our pastor, E. E. Winters, and son James, have proved a blessing and encouraged the church mightily. Great things are in store for God's people.—Reporter.

JESUP, Ga.—On February 1, we closed a very successful revival at the Jesup Church of God, with Rev. J. C. Vaughn as the evangelist. There were a number of experiences and 13 came into the church, 6 new and 7 by transfer. Brother Vaughn was used of God in a very special way in his messages and also in his singing.

The church here is moving along fine in every way. Our membership has reached and passed the 200 mark, and we are building a nice large brick church. We have moved our old church and have the sides of the new church almost up. We are expecting to have it completed before the year is gone. Pray for our continued success.—Mrs. L. R. Jernigan.

LOCKHART, S. C.—The Church of God at Lockhart recently had a 3 weeks' revival in which the Lord gloriously blessed. Our evangelists were Brother and Sister Rochester and son, of Jonesville, S. C. Truly they were a blessing to our church. God blessed from the beginning of the revival until the end. There were 28 saved, 15 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. We thank God for this great revival. We also thank God for our new pastor, Brother C. C. Holmes. We appreciate Brother and Sister Holmes and their family very much. We are still praising the Lord for the way He has blessed our church here at Lockhart.—Reporter.

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REPORTS

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS Church of God Orphanage, Sevierville, Tennessee

ON the afternoon of March 3, 1953, the ministers of the Okeechobee District, under the direction of their most capable district overseer, L. F. Rogers, gathered approximately 200 bushels of citrus and produce and sent it to our orphans in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Brother Rogers engineered the entire operation, and with the help of Brother W. M. Goulds, pastor at Venus, gathered 80 bushels of oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit, while Brother F. R. Daniels, pastor at Pahokee, Brother T. D. Powell, pastor at Clewiston, and Brother G. D. Prince, pastor at Belle Glade, collected the produce.



Okeechobee District Orphanage Work

***** PELZER, S. C., DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION HELD AT THE PEL- ZER CHURCH OF GOD, MARCH 28-29

The Saturday evening service opened with our district youth director, Rev. C. L. Trammell, in charge. Rev. Trammell, pastor of the Conestee Church of God, and our state youth director, Rev. James T. Shealey, gave us one of the most interesting programs the youth of today could enjoy. Rev. Charles Anderson, pastor of the Simpsonville Church of God, was the first speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Educating Youth for an Educated World." Brother Ferris Moore, pastor of the Williamston Church of God, spoke for 10 minutes on "How to Build a Sunday School." He stressed the importance of friendliness, well trained leaders, and loyalty. Sister Jessie Wil-

son, a member of the Pelzer church, spoke to us on "Home Extension" work. Sister Charles Watt, president of the Pelzer Y.P.E., gave a welcome address to all the youth convention. There was wonderful choir singing, and Brother and Sister Paul Walker sang "Swing Down Sweet Chariot."

Rev. Miller, pastor at Fountain Inn, led us in prayer and prayed for the sick. Rev. James Dunlap, evangelist, spoke to us on "Should Youth Tithe?" Rev. Trammell introduced Rev. G. C. Timmerman, our host pastor, who greeted us. A special horn duet, "Looking for a City," was played by Brothers Paul Walker and Douglas Keller. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Paul Walker, who spoke to us on "The Challenge To Youth and How to Meet It." An altar call was given, and one

young boy and young girl came forward seeking to be saved. Three young people also came forward seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday afternoon Brother Epps, pastor of the Piedmont Church of God, spoke on "Literature for the Youth." Brother Faulkner, district youth director, of Easley, greeted the congregation. Brother Harvey, of Conestee, led a testimony service, with every young person testifying. Our state youth director, Rev. James T. Shealey, brought the afternoon message and spoke of our Orphanage. An offering of \$100.98 was received. Brother Shealey spoke on the need for young workers for the Lord and gave an altar call for young people to dedicate their lives to Christ. The altar was filled with youth dedicating their lives.

I am sure God will richly bless each of these men for their donations and for the great efforts they have put forth in this most noble cause—the Orphanage work.—From Florida State News.

Note: This noble endeavor is sincerely appreciated by everyone at our home for dependent children in Sevierville, Tennessee. It is such undertakings as this that help us greatly to care for about 300 needy children. Everyone here sends greetings to all the folks in Florida who made this possible.—William F. Dych, Superintendent.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas—God is truly blessing here at Sulphur Springs. We have just closed a wonderful revival, with Brother J. W. Warner and his wife as evangelists. The revival began February 18 and closed March 8. During this time, 10 were saved, 6 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Many outstanding healings were wrought by the mighty power of God. Truly God is blessing his ministry.

God has helped us and the good members and friends of the church to build a nice two-bedroom parsonage. We have nice large rooms. The living room is 16 by 20 feet. There is rubber tile on the kitchen and dining room floors. Some of the members bought a nice \$189 living room suite and a \$177 range for the kitchen. We certainly appreciate the good people here. They are a nice cooperative group of saints that any pastor can be proud of, and they are on fire for God.

We were very fortunate in getting Rev. J. D. Bright for our overseer, and to the Appointing Board we say thanks. We certainly do appreciate Brother Bright and his family.—L. C. Pennington, Pastor and District Pastor.

HAINES CITY, Fla.—The Church of God at Haines City would like for everyone to know how God is blessing here. Our church is fortunate to have Rev. D. J. Cupp and family with us. They are a blessing, and the Lord is blessing their efforts. The first Monday in January, we had a district youth rally at Haines City, and it was a wonderful service. People from other churches are still talking about the way God blessed. Last Sunday, God moved on a brother to raise and pay the debt on the church property. In a few minutes an offering of \$201 was taken. This was more than enough to pay the last payment on the debt that has been on our property for more than 5 years. It was a blessed service, one long to be remembered. Our Sunday School is making progress under the leadership of our new superintendent, Sister Russell Willis. The Lord is blessing in every department of our church. Pray for us and come to see us.—Elsie T. Joyner, Church Treasurer.



Rev. Harry C. Bartholf

We read in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews of a great number of persons who accomplished much for God through their work of faith. The 39th verse says, "These all having obtained a good report." The work of Harry C. Bartholf, as an evangelist in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, has qualified him to rank with the most successful evangelists in our Church. He has been selected to do the evangelistic preaching for the North Alabama camp meeting, which convenes June 29 through July 5, 1953, at the campground in Birmingham.

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.—Since last August we have received 14 members into the church. Every department of the church has shown an increase. We just purchased a lot, size 100 by 300 feet, for \$1,200, facing Highway 90. Since doing this we have been in a Y.P.E. contest and raised \$831.04 in 6 weeks. God is blessing us greatly, and we trust that soon we shall begin our brick-veneer building. Remember us in your prayers.—Church Reporter.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—One year ago April 5 was our first service at the Lincoln Avenue church. The first Sunday, we had 52 in Sunday School. Today there were 132 present. In 12 months we have broken the Sunday School record 3 times. Several have been saved, and there has been 15 adult additions to the church. We now have 50 members. Our tithing record has been broken twice this year. We have a blessed group of saints to work with here at East St. Louis. Every department of the church is progressing fine, for which we give the Lord the praise.—J. B. Holcomb, Pastor.

We are happy to report the way God is blessing in the South Morgan Street Church of God in Waynesburg, Pa. Seven weeks ago our pastor, Rev. Thomas Culp, and our Y.P.E. leader decided on a plan to help our local church. The group was divided into 2

sections and each was given points for everything they did—new members, special songs, largest offerings, etc. Soon the enthusiasm was at a high pitch, and the 2 sides were winning many points. The results were that a total of \$489 was brought in in offerings and the average attendance was 120 each night. Right in the middle of our contest the pastor felt the spiritual tide rising, as well as the enthusiasm, and he invited Brother Hindmon, our state overseer, for a revival. Brother Hindmon came, and we had a revival with great results. God blessed all our efforts, and now that the contest is over we see many ways we have benefited from it and the revival. Our church recently purchased a late model bus, which we are using in our Sunday School department, and every Friday night we go to visit our neighboring churches. We take our musical instruments and sing and play and testify to the goodness of God. We have one out-station mission in connection with the church, and God is blessing there, too. We praise God for Brother and Sister Thomas Culp and all the talent and ability they have. They are faithful workers for God and the Church.—Roy Lemasters, Clerk and Reporter.

THEY CAN DO IT

The church at Archibald, La., recently staged an Evangel subscription contest between two of the young ladies of the church, Ruby Crawford and Marie Johnson. These two young ladies worked hard for about three weeks, and when the results were revealed they had done a real job. The final results were: Marie, 44 subscriptions; Ruby, 15 subscriptions; total, 59. This brought the subscriptions of our church to an average of over one per member. The girls were given a nice prize by Bro. Rodgers, their pastor. Pastors, if you can't sell the Evangel, just give your young people a chance and tell them what you want. They'll come rejoicing, bringing in the subscription.—W. E. Rodgers, Pastor.

OHIO LEE ALUMNI HOLDS BANQUET

The Ohio Lee Alumni held its annual meeting Tuesday, March 24, at two o'clock p.m. in the Eaton Manor House, Hamilton, Ohio. The guests were Rev. Leonard Carroll, President of Lee College, his wife and son; Rev. Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief; Rev. J. H. Walker, state overseer of Ohio, and his wife; Rev. O. W. Polen, youth director of Ohio; prospective students, ministers, and alumni, totaling 43 in all.

After the luncheon was served, Brother Carroll, our guest speaker, gave an address that was an inspiration to all. He emphasized the fact that Lee was the best college in the world, and explained how the curriculum was being broadened and extended. Facts were presented in proclaiming the achievements that had been wrought by God's help and the plans that were being made for the future. As Brother Carroll began speaking of how he had met the problems of the students and how God had so wonderfully supplied the financial needs

of them that put their trust in Him, the Holy Spirit came down and blessed the whole assembly. Tears were dried from moist eyes as many of us recalled how the Lord had been dear to us in our own Lee College days. Brother Carroll spoke of its religious environment, community life with its advantages, and the endeavors that were being made to see that religion was not only in the heads of students but also in their hearts.

After Brother Carroll's address, a few words were spoken by each of our special guests, and the tentative agenda was presented for next year.—A. C. Sheley, Banquet Reporter.

In Memoriam

WHITE

Edna Earl White, wife of Rev. Marvin H. White, was born December 1, 1887, and departed this life Wednesday, March 25, 1953, at 9:30 p.m., to be with Jesus. Sister White professed religion September 22, 1899, and became a noted character in her community for religious activities, being a devout worker in Sunday School and singing schools. Of all schoolwork, she enjoyed teaching in the elementary schools of Putnam County, Cookeville, Tennessee, best. She was engaged in this type of work when she became acquainted with the Rev. Marvin White, and at the age of 24, on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1912, she married the Rev. White.

Sister White was loved and admired by all for her notable deeds of kindness and benevolence. She always retained a prospective view, having a purpose in mind in all she did, and was always at her post of duty. As a companion, none could excel her. She and her husband embraced the Pentecostal faith and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1915, and were united with the Church of God August 27, 1916. She was a devout follower of the Lord, being steadfast in the faith and liberty. No service was complete without her sweet presence. Her sweet and melodious alto voice beautified the atmosphere of the home and services. She trusted completely in the healing virtue of the Son of God unto death.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Mary Emmaline McCall, Box 13, Jennings, Florida, and one son, Albert Arnold White, 2735 Sunset Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee. The oldest boy and girl preceded her in death in their infancy.

A devoted wife and a dear and loving mother will be greatly missed. Her prayers of faith and consecration paved the way for her husband and children, and her children have followed in the footsteps of Mother and in the ministry, as their father and grandfather before them.

Funeral services were held at the North Cleveland Church of God, and interment was in Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Tennessee.



REDS HAVE NEW SHRINE

LONDON (EP) According to Russian broadcasts, the Reds have a new shrine and a new "god." Streams of pilgrims are passing by the Lenin-Stalin tomb in Red square. "The continuous flow of the people to the square, where everything spells the name of Stalin, is the embodiment of the people's boundless love for the great architect of communism," the broadcast said.

The number of Protestant foreign missionaries from United States and Canadian mission boards has reached an all-time high of 15,000, according to a survey made by the National Council of Churches. They are distributed as follows: 14 per cent in India, Pakistan and Ceylon; 7 per cent in Southeast Asia; 25 per cent in Africa south of the Sahara; 25 per cent in Latin America; 21 per cent in East Asia; 5 per cent in Near East and North Africa; and 3 per cent in Pacific Islands and Australia.

In the United States 23,736,000 persons twenty-five or over have completed grade school; 17,751,000 have completed high school; and 5,226,000 have completed four or more years of college.

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,059 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1952, according to the American Bible Society. Ten new languages were added last year. The whole Bible has now been published in 197 languages.

PRESIDENT DEFENDS CHURCHES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) President Eisenhower told a press conference in Washington, D. C., that the Church, with its belief in and teaching about Almighty God, was the last institution that would be preaching or tolerating Communism. He could, therefore, see no possible good to be accomplished by questioning the loyalty of American churches (as suggested by some investigators). The president said that if there is any question of Communist ideology in the churches, then the Government had better go beyond investigating in its effort to combat the Communist disease.

A 12,000-seat portable "tin can" tabernacle is being built for the Billy Graham campaign in Detroit next fall. The all-aluminum tabernacle will be fabricated by R. G. LeTourneau and will be used in three England campaigns after the Detroit meeting.

Accidents kill more children and young people each year than any disease; 28 per cent of children 1-4 years, 37 per cent, ages 5-14, and 42 per cent of young people, 15-19, are killed by accidents.

URGES BIBLE STUDY IN SCHOOL

(EP) A resolution urging every public school in the State "to give the Bible a prominent place in its library and a proper place in its course of study, especially in history and literature," was approved by the Iowa House and sent to the Senate. The resolution called attention to a section of the Iowa code of 1950 which states that "the Bible shall not be excluded from any public school or institution in the State." At the same time, the resolution noted the code provides that no child shall be required to read the Bible "contrary to the wishes of his parents or guardian."

QUAKERS ASK END OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

PHILADELPHIA (EP) A statement adopted by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Arch and Race Street Friends at their 27th annual united session deplored capital punishment and prison conditions today. The statement declared:

"We believe there is no crime for which the death penalty should be imposed, and that it is as much forbidden for organized society to deprive a human being of life, as it is for the individual. Life is sacred, and it is our duty to find other means than intimidation, cruelty, retribution or revenge in coping with crime. Those favoring capital punishment cannot point to any decrease in civil crime under the death penalty throughout the century."

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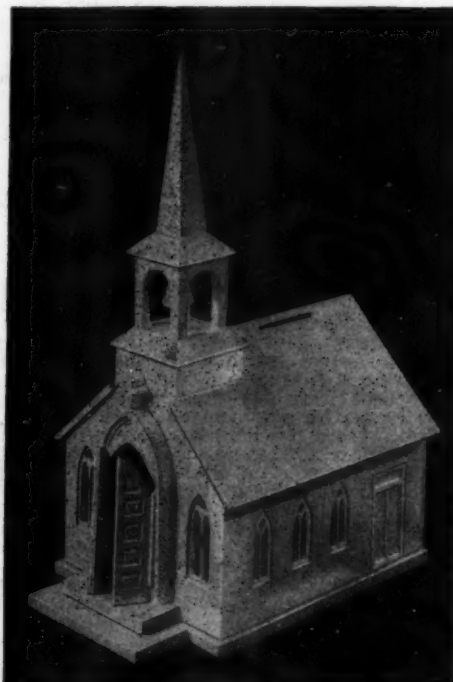
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ies of its use in Great Britain and the United States. It has been abolished in six states (Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, and Maine), Europe, Central and South America, and there is no evidence of increase in such offenses as the result."

The statement added that "the whole system of criminal justice must be changed so that revenge and destruction no longer will be the goal."

A 10-million-dollar memorial to the late Mahatma Gandhi, Indian spiritual leader, is to be erected in Washington. The Government has turned over six acres of land near Barnard Hills Park, one of the highest hills in the District of Columbia, as a site for the memorial. It will house the writings of Gandhi, a library, and an auditorium.

"In the United States few churchgoers read the Bible, but in Japan it is read widely even by non-churchgoers," says Rev. Miyakoda, General Secretary of the Japan Bible Society. The Bible still heads the list of best sellers in Japan, with more than 12 million copies sold since 1948.

Motor vehicle accidents killed 38,000 people in 1952 and injured 1,350,000, and one-fourth were caused by drunken drivers. The total accident deaths were 96,000, and 9,700,000 others were injured.

In Memoriam . . .

WERTZ

Oscar Wertz was born Aug. 25, 1896, and died March 18, 1953. Brother Wertz was a member of the Church of God for 26 years. He was elected Sunday School superintendent in 1928, and was still in office when he died. Brother Wertz was one of the most faithful and loyal members of our church. We have been his pastor here for 21 years, and when he was called to be with his Maker, it seemed hard to give him up, but our loss is heaven's gain. Brother Wertz was hauling logs on his farm, and the tractor overturned and he was crushed beneath it.—His pastor, A. L. Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

JACKSON

General L. Jackson departed this life March 16, 1953. He was a humble and loyal member of the Church of God at Towes Chapel and served as Sunday School superintendent for several years. Brother Jackson was 58 years old and had been a member of the Towes Chapel Church for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Addia Mae Jackson, 5 daughters and one son, who is in the service. We all loved Brother Jackson, and he will be greatly missed. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Stanton Erwin, and Rev. Noah Roberson, former pastor, at the Towes Chapel Church of God.—Grover Greene, Adairsville, Ga.

KITZMILLER

Sister Bernice Kitzmiller departed this life at the age of 48. We know that Sister Kitzmiller has gone on to her reward. I was with her just a short time before her death, and the great power of God came down and spoke through her in a wonderful way.—William H. Dudley, Pastor, Morgantown, W. Va.

TELEGRAM

The second night of the great revival in the South Morgan Street Church of God at Waynesburg, Pa., was terminated with the news that the body of the son of Rev. and Mrs. Louis Daufenbaugh had been found. Dwight Daufenbaugh, age 11, accidentally slipped into the Conemaugh River on March 24 and drowned. After 4 weeks of frantic searching, his body was found 10 miles from the scene of the accident. The news was brought to the Daufenbaughs at the close of the service. We know all the members and friends of the Church of God are concerned. Please continue to pray for our brother and sister that the blessings of God will continue with them.

This revival has all the earmarks of a great success for God in this community. The church has been packed and a good spiritual atmosphere is present. Evangelist and Mrs. Daufenbaugh will be here again in a few days to continue the revival. Remember us in prayer.—Thomas Culp, Pastor.

THE READERS' RESPONSE

TO THE EVANGEL EDITOR:

Just a few lines to let you know how I enjoy reading the very wonderful sermons in the *Evangel* and the *Lighted Pathway*. I am a member of the HiWay Church of God at Fyffe, Ala. At the present time I am serving in the Armed Forces with the United States Army in Germany, and please believe me when I say that a person never realizes what a good service is until you get to a place like I am in and cannot attend a good Church of God. Brother Conn, I can never tell you how good the Lord has been to me since I entered the service. I have met some fine Christian fellows and have enjoyed good Christian fellowship with every one of them. It is food to my soul to read about your wonderful revivals and to read about the great numbers of souls that are being saved and sanctified and baptized with the wonderful Holy Ghost. In this part of the world the gospel surely needs to be preached and lived. I should like to ask an interest in the prayers of all praying people for all the men in the service, especially those who are constantly endangering their souls.—Pvt. Oran B. Gilley, US 53 119 986, 520th QM Petrol. Supply Co., APO 46, in care of P. M., New York, New York.

TELEGRAM

The Sumiton, Ala., Church has reason for jubilation. The tithes record has been broken 3 times in recent months. The building has undergone an extensive embellishment. Our Sunday School attendance was 775 Easter and the offering was \$1,200. This torrential outpouring of benedictions evokes from our hearts the cry "Let God be praised!"—Joseph L. Milligan, Pastor.



This is the son of Rev. R. L. Walton, pastor of the Church of God in Hicholls, Ga., and Mrs. Walton. Our son is a member of the Church of God in Clinton, S. C. He has been in service one year and has served the last 7 months in Germany. Pray for his soon return home to us and his sweet wife, who is also a member of the Church of God in Clinton, S. C. His address is Pfc. J. W. Walton, US 53114259, 869th Med. Coll. Co. (S), APO 757, care of P.M., New York, New York.

MANY TO FLY TO TOKYO

CHICAGO (EP) Close to one hundred evangelists, businessmen, pastors and youth are planning to leave the Oakland, California, airport next August 3 for the Youth for Christ International sixth World Congress on Evangelism in Tokyo, August 9-16. That's the prospect voiced by Ted W. Engstrom, executive director of Youth for Christ International, arranging the plans for the miniature air armada.

Arrangements with Trans-Ocean airlines for use of their planes have also resulted in a round-trip fare of only \$750 from Oakland to Tokyo and return. The group will be gone approximately four weeks and will participate in the fifty evangelism crusades scheduled immediately following the Congress in cities all through Japan. "One plane load went to our Belfast, Ireland, Congress last summer," Engstrom explained, "and interest in the 1953 trip is at a much greater pitch at this early date."

The gospel workers will be headed by Dr. Robert A. Cook, of Chicago, president of YFC International, Engstrom, and Hubert Mitchell, its foreign secretary.

COURT OF PRAISE

GRANVILLE, Tenn.—Truly I praise God for what He means to me. Most of all, because when I was lost and undone without a hope, He gloriously saved my soul. He has heard and answered my prayers. I praise His name because of the hope we have if we live true to Him. My heart's desire is to draw closer to Him.—Mrs. Burton Jones.

NOTICES

Ministers who have never been active in the ministry should return their licenses.

Licensed ministers' and exhorters' year 1952 certificates have expired. If they have not been renewed for 1953, they should be renewed at once.—Zeno C. Tharp, General Overseer.

Many have asked me to put in print my life story as I tell it in our revival meetings over the country. That we have done in a book entitled "I Was a Catholic." Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of this book may send \$1.00 to me in care of my home address: 1880 Burkholder Circle, W., Jacksonville 7, Fla.—Roland Verrico.

Any Marine stationed at Camp LeJeune who is interested in helping to get a Church of God organized in Jacksonville, which is near the camp, contact me. If the relatives of any Marine stationed at Camp LeJeune will write to me, giving me their address, I will be glad to contact them. We have a 40-by-60-foot tent ready to pitch just as soon as I can get a suitable location.—Pfc. Richard T. McBrayer, 1328021, Serv. Co., H & S Bn., MB, Camp Property Sect., Camp LeJeune, N. C.

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